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U.S. Patent Documents

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,986,783 issued on 11/16/99 to Sharma et al.
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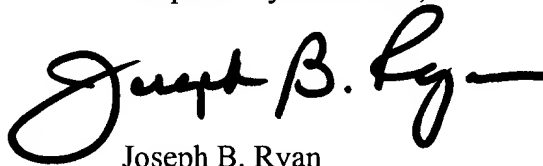
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